

said *Wyard* desired this Informant to go & speak with the Lord *Powis* in the *Tower*. To which this Informant answered, That he had no business with the Lord *Powis*, nor the Lord *Powis* any with him, as he knew of. who then shewed this Informant a Letter from the Lord *Powis* to this Informant: which Letter was to this effect,

Mr. de Faria, Come to me to the *Tower*, and speak with me: but let no body know who you are. The said Mr. *Wyard*, when he found this Informant utterly refused to go to the Lord *Powis*, or to treat in the said business any farther, the said *Wyard* then told this Informant, He would meet this Informant in the same place on the morrow; and would then bring this Informant a Letter from a person of Quality, whose hand this Informant did well know: and that this Informant had Papers then in his pocket, under the said Persons hand. And on the morrow the said *Wyard* did meet this Informant in the said place, and then shewed him a Letter writ in the *Portuguese* Language, which contained these words being into *English* Translated.

Francis,

Do what this man bids you; for it shall be well done. Subscribed G. A. B.

And this Informant farther saith, That He knew the Hand, and did compare with some Papers he had in his pocket, then signed by the same Hand. But notwithstanding the said Letter, this Informant utterly refused to treat about the said business any farther.

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Signed, Francisco de Faria.

Interrogatus me, Phillip Mathews, 15th, July 1680.

This last Information only was sworn before Sir Phillip Mathews.

Francisco de Faria.

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Edinburgh, the 13 of November, 1680. In presence of the Lords of the Privy-Council.

**J**ames Skene, Brother to the Laird of Skene, being Examined, if he was with the Rebels at Bothwell-Bridge? Answers, He knows not who were Rebels, but says he was not at Bothwell-Bridge, nor at Airdsmoss; and says, that he thought those Persons were not Rebels, for they were those that were in defence of Gods Cause, which he had honourably engaged them to.

Denies that he was at Torwoodhead-Conventicle, where the Excommunication of the King was used,

He owns and justifies the Proclamation at Rutherglen, and the Burning of the Kings Acts of Parliament there, because they were against the Covenant.

He declares that he doth not own the Kings Authority in things unlawfull, in those things that are against the Covenant.

Declares that he owns not, nor acknowledges the Acts of Parliament since the Kings Restauration that are made against the Covenant.

Declares he owns the Excommunication against the King used by Cargill, and thinks the Reasons of it just.

Denies that he knows where the Excommunication was contrived.

Denies that he knows any thing of a New Rising, but thinks the People of God are always ready for Defensive Arms; and that he owns himself as one of them, and that the Arms he had about him were for defence of himself and the Gospel, and that he had resolved to give Testimony for the Cause.

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Declares that he thinks the Killing of the Arch-bishop of St. Andrews was no Murther, and that the Actors thereof were upon their Duty.

Being interrogated, If he thinks it lawful to Kill any of the Kings Counsellors or Souldiers? Answers, That he thinks there is a declared War betwixt those who serve the Lord, and those who serve the King against the Covenant, and that it is lawful to Kill them in defence of the Gospel.

That he thinks, that the King being Excommunicated, and there being now a lawful declared War against him upon the account of the breach of the Covenant, it is lawful to Kill him.

Being asked, If it was lawful to Kill the King if he were passing along in a Coach as the Archbishop of St. Andrews was? Declares he had answered that before in the former General, and that it was lawful to kill all that were in opposition to the Covenant.

After reading of the foresaid Interrogatories and his answers, and being desired to be deliberate in what he had said before he signed the same, he answered, That he was resolved upon it freely to give his Testimony.

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*James Skene* before designed being brought in presence of the Lords Commissioners of Justiciary sitting in Judgment, and his said Confession being read unto him, he did know, adhere to, and abide at the same, and every particular thereof, as is before set down; and says, He thinks it is his honour so to do. Signed thus, *James Skene*.

Attested by the Lords Commissioners of Justiciary.

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Declares he saw *Mr. Cargill* last within these two or three days in *Edenburgh*, Being asked in what house? he answers it is a case of Conscience, he cannot tell it.

Declares he owns, That the King, his Royal Highness, and the other persons aforesaid, were justly excommunicated for the Breach of the Covenant, and the other Reasons express in the Excommunication.

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And the said Lords do hereby give full power & Commission to the Earls of Argyll, Linlithgow, Perth, & Queensberry, the Lords Ross, Treasurer Depute, Register, Advocate, Justice Clerk, General Dalzell, Collintowne, and Haddo, to call the said *John Spreull* and *Robert Hamilton*, & to examine them in the Torture upon the Interrogatories aforesaid & such other particular interrogatories as they shall think pertinent relating to the said general Heads & to report the same to the Council Signed thus, Ch. Maitland, 16.

Edenburgh, Novemb. 16. 1680.

**A**rchibald Steward being again called before the Committee, and being interrogated when and where these Murdering Designs were contrived?

Declares that he himself was not privy to those Designs, but that *John Murray*, *William Cutle*, Seamen in *Borrowstonness*, told the Declarant that it was their design to kill all that were against them who came in their way, and that *Mr. Donald Cargill* in his Preaching advised them to these murdering designs.

Being interrogated if he knows *John Spreull*? He declares he knows him, but does not remember where he saw him first, having seen him so often: That about half a year since, he saw *Spreull* in Holland in the company of *James Thomson*, who lives there, in the company of *Mr. Macquar* and *Mr. Robert Fleeming*.

Being interrogated if at any time he was in company with *Mr. Donald Cargill*, *John Spreull* was present? He denies that he was.

Confesses he saw *John Balfour*, called *Burley*, in Holland, in company of *John Spreull*, where their discourse was about Religion, and cases of Conscience, but did not remember any particular cases were treated of concerning their murdering Principles.

Confesses that in winter last (he remembers) he saw *John Spreull* in *John Gib's* house, where were also present *John Gib* the younger, *James Skene*, and one *Andrew*.

part, but does not remember that *Cargill* and *Spruell* were together at that meeting.

Confesses he knows *Mr. George Barclay*, one of the Ministers, but it is a Twelve-month since he saw him.

Confesses that upon Sabbath-day was eight days, he was at a Conventicle in the fields in the Moors above *Falkirk*, about a mile and half from *Fallas* where were present the two *Gibs*, one *John Henderson*, and *James Ruffel* in *Fife*, *Mr. Donald Cargill* having preached, and there were 13 or 14 men in Arms.

Declares that about a quarter of a year since, or thereby, he saw *John Spreull* in company of *Mr. John Dickson* ( now a Prisoner in the Basse ) in his House in *Edinburgh*, where the deponent was also present, and heard some discourse betwixt them concerning *Mr. Macquar* in *Holland*, and heard *Spreull* say; that *Mr. Macquar* was sorry that some of their party had refused to hear *Mr. Robert Fleeming*.

Declares the occasion of his going to *Dicksons* House was to visit *Dickson*, having been sometimes in use so to do.

Declares the person that acquainted him that *Mr. Donald Cargill* was in *Baird's* house upon Thursday last, was either *Mr James Boog* or *Margaret Anderson*, who stays in a Woman's House below the Weigh-house, who is called *Mrs. Henderson*.

Witnessed thus, *Archibald Stewart*. Attested by *Ch. Maitland* I. P. D. Com.

*Edinburgh* November. 17, 1680.

*John Potter*, late Servant to the Lord *Cardross*, being examined whether or not he owns and Justifies the Declaration in *Sanchar*; Declares he owns and justifies it; and the double thereof being read unto him, he owned the same.

Confesses he was present at a field-conventicle near to *Carnwath* Sunday was a fortnight where *Cargill* Preached. But denies that he was at the Conventicle at *Torwood*.

Being questioned if he was at *Bothwell-bridge* and *Airdsmoss*? He refuses to answer.

Denies that he was at the Murder of the Arch-Bishop of *St. Andrews*.

Being interrogated if he owns the King to be King? He declares he owns no Authority that is against the Law of God, and he thinks the Authority now exercised is against the Law of God, and that the King having broken the Covenant, he owes no obedience to him.

There being a Paper produced of the nature of a Bond and Combination, Relative to the Declaration at *Rutherglen*; disclaiming the Declaration at *Hamilton*, especially because it takes in the Kings interest, from which it says they are loosed by the Kings perfidy & Covenant breaking, &c. which wants a date, and is subscribed by *Mr. Richard Cameron*, *Mr. Thomas Douglas*, *John Potter*, and divers others; Declares he owns that Paper, & the whole contents of it; and Declares that the Name of *John Potter* subjoined to it is his subscription and that the same was Signed in a Moore near to *Galloway* in Summer last. He confesses the truth of all this, but refuses to Sign it; therefore it is Signed by the Committee of Council, viz. the Earl of *Linlithgow*, the Earl of *Perth*, the Lord *Rosse*, the Lord Treasurer Depute, the Lord Register, and Lieutenant-General *Dalziel*.

Here follows the Tenour of the Bond of Combination contained in the said *John Potter* his Examination.

We under-subscribers Bind and Oblige our selves to be faithful to God, and to be true to one another, and to all others that shall joyn with us in adhering to the *Rutherglen* Testimony, and disclaiming the *Hamilton* Declaration, chiefly because it takes in the King.



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Edenburgh, Novemb. 16. 1680.

**A** *Rehobald Steward* being again called before the Committee, and being interrogated when and where these Murdering Designs were contrived?

Declares that he himself was not privy to those Designs, but that *John Murray*, *William Cutle*, Seamen in *Borrowstonness*, told the Declarant that it was their design to kill all that were against them who came in their way, and that *Mr. Donald Cargill* in his Preaching advised them to these murdering designs.

Being interrogated if he knows *John Spreull*? He declares he knows him, but not remember where he saw him first, having seen him so often: That about half a year since, he saw *Spreull* in Holland in the company of *James Thomson*, who lives there, in the company of *Mr. Macquar* and *Mr. Robert Fleeming*.

Being interrogated if at any time he was in company with *Mr. Donald Cargill*, when *John Spreull* was present? He denies that he was.

Confesses he saw *John Balfour*, called *Burley*, in Holland, in company of *John Spreull* where their discourse was about Religion, and cases of Conscience, but did not remember any particular cases were treated of concerning their murdering Principles.

Confesses that in winter last (he remembers) he saw *John Spreull* in *John Gibb's* house, where were also present *John Gibb* the younger, *James Skene*, and one *Andrew*

but does not remember that *Cargill* and *Spruell* were together at that meeting?  
 Confesses he knows *Mr. George Barclay*, one of the Ministers, but it is a Twelve-month since he saw him.

Confesses that upon Sabbath-day was eight days, he was at a Conventicle in the fields in the Moors above *Falkirk*, about a mile and half from *Fallas* where were present the two *Gibs*, one *John Henderson*, and *James Ruffel* in *Fife*, *Mr. Donald Cargill* having Preached, and there were 13 or 14 men in Arms.

Declares that about a quarter of a year since, or thereby, he saw *John Spruell* in company of *Mr. John Dickson* ( now a Prisoner in the Basse ) in his House in *Edinburgh*, where the deponent was also present, and heard some discourse betwixt them concerning *Mr. Macquar* in *Holland*, and heard *Spruell* say, that *Mr. Macquar* was sorry that some of their party had refused to hear *Mr. Robert Fleeming*.

Declares the occasion of his going to *Dicksons* House was to visit *Dickson*, having been sometimes in use so to do.

Declares the person that acquainted him that *Mr. Donald Cargill* was in *Baird's* house upon Thursday last, was either *Mr James Boog* or *Margaret Anderson*, who stays in a Womans House below the Weigh-house, who is called *Mrs. Henderson*.

Signed thus, *Archibald Stewart*. Attested by *Ch. Mainland I. P. D. Com.*

*Edinburgh November. 17. 1680.*

*John Potter*, late Servant to the Lord *Cardross*, being examined whether or not he owns and Justifies the Declaration in *Sanchar*, Declares he owns and justifies it; and the double thereof being read unto him, he owned the same.

Confesses he was present at a field-conventicle near to *Carnwath* Sunday was a fortnight where *Cargill* Preached. But denies that he was at the Conventicle at *Torwood*.

Being questioned if he was at *Bothwell Bridge* and *Airdsmoss*? He refuses to answer.

Denies that he was at the Murder of the Arch-Bishop of *St. Andrews*.

Being interrogated if he owns the King to be King? He declares he owns no Authority that is against the Law of God, and he thinks the Authority now exercised is against the Law of God, and that the King having broken the Covenant, he owes no obedience to him.

There being a Paper produced of the nature of a Bond and Combination, Relative to the Declaration at *Rutherglen*, disclaiming the Declaration at *Hamilton*, especially because it takes in the Kings interest, from which it says they are loosed by the Kings perfidy & Covenant breaking, &c. which wants a date, and is subscribed by *Mr. Richard Cameron*, *Mr. Thomas Douglas*, *John Potter*, and divers others; Declares he owns that Paper & the whole contents of it; and Declares that the Name of *John Potter* subjoined to it is his subscription and that the same was Signed in a Moore near to *Galloway* in Summer last. He confesses the truth of all this, but refuses to Sign it; therefore it is Signed by the Committee of Council, viz. the Earl of *Linlithgow*, the Earl of *Perth*, the Lord *Rosse*, the Lord Treasurer Depute, the Lord Register, and Lieutenant-General *Dalziel*.

Here follows the Tenour of the Bond of Combination contained in the said *John Potter* his Examination.

We Under-subscribers Bind and Oblige our selves to be faithful to God, and to be true to one another, and to all others that shall joyn with us in adhering to the *Rutherglen* Tenour, and disclaiming the *Hamilton* Declaration, chiefly because it takes in the Kings



Interest, which we are loosed from by reason of his Perfidy and covenant-breaking both to most high God, and the people over whom he was set, upon the Terms of his propagating main end of the Covenants, to wit the Reformation of Religion; and instead of that, Usurping to himself the Royal Prerogative of Jesus Christ, and incroaching upon the Liberties of the Church, and so stating himself in opposition both to Jesus Christ himself the Mediator and Free-Government of his House; as also in disowning and protesting against the Reception of the Duke of York, a professed and Papist, a bare evillse has been done in this Land (which given to the Lord) in prejudice of our Covenanted & universally sworn to work of Reformation. And although (as the Lord who searcheth the hearts knows) we be for Government and Honors both Civil and Ecclesiastick, such as the word of God, and our Covenants allow; yet this, we disown the present Magistrates who openly and avowedly are doing still what lies in them for destroying our Work of Reformation from Popery, Prelacy, Erastianism, other Heresies and Errors. And by this we declare also, that we are not any more to Ministers indulged, and such as drive at a sinful Union with them; nor are we to join any more with Ministers or professors of any Rank that are guilty of any of the defections of time, until they give satisfaction proportionably to the Scandal or Offence they have given.

Subscribed by Thomas Douglas Minister of the Gospel, Ri. Cameron Minister of the Gospel, Robert Dick, Alexander Gorgon of Creuch, Will. Stewart, David Farrie, John Stewart, Robert Stewart, John Paterson, John Potter, James Greirson, John Hamilton, James Edward, John Moody, J. Vallance, Thomas Campbell, John Crichtoun, John Gentry, John Maccolin, Patrick Gemmill, John VVilson, Samuel Macmichael, Joseph Thomson Minister, Cameron, John Foulher, James Macmichael.

Edenburgh, Novemb. 19. 1680. In presence of the Committee.

**R**obert Hamilton being called before the Committee, and Examined upon several interrogatories (relating to the three general heads already mentioned) being he was put to the Torture, and particularly when he saw Mr. Donald Cargill, who & what part amongst them or who were present at Torwood-Head Conventicle? He refused to answer. Being put in the Torture and questioned before striking he again refused answer, and having Received the Torture, and being loosed from it, and examined again would not make answer. Having the second time received the Torture, he would make no answer; and after a considerable space having continued in the Torture was ordered to be loosed.

*Here followeth the Proclamation Issued by the Privy-Council upon this Occasion.*

**C**HARLES by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To Our Lyon King at Arms his Brethren Heraults, Officers of Our Privy-Council, Pursevants or Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part conjunctly and severally, specially constituted, Greeting. Forasmuch as since the extraordinary Mercy of God in Our wonderful Restoration, We have taken all care to preserve Our Subjects in Peace, and the Protestant Religion in its Purity, by wholesome Laws as at the desire, and with the consent of Our Parliaments have been enacted yet such have been the impious & unwearied Attempts of a Schismatical & ungovernable Party of Our undutiful Subjects to disturb the former and to overturn the latter, that they have often engaged themselves in open Insurrections, and avowed

Rebellions against Us and Our Authority, pretending to found these their Rebellion upon their Treasonable Covenants. And particularly after the horrid and cruel Murther of the late Archbishop of *St. Andrews*, a violent Rebellion was commenced in the Year 1679. which was declared by them who raised it to be undertaken and carried on for promoting the Ends of the said Seditious Covenants after the suppressing of the which Rebellion by the Blessing of God upon Our Armes, such was Our Princely Clemency, as by Solemn Acts of Grace, not only to Pardon and Indemnifie the Guilty, but even to Indulge them to keep house-conventicles upon the easy terms and Conditions contained in Our Proclamation of the date at *Whitehall* the 29th of June 1679. Whereby We might reasonably have expected that their Mind being eased, they might have been brought, if not to a Regular and Dutiful Obedience to Our Laws, yet to a Quiet and Peaceable Submission to Our Government. Notwithstanding whereof, and of Our Gracious Indemnities, Favours and Indulgences; which have been as often renewed as their Insolences, murders and Treasons have been repeated, such hath been the perverseness of some Turbulent and Phanatical persons, that many of them continue and persist (according to their old Dangerous principles) not only to observe and frequent Seditious Field-Conventicles, (which as Our Laws have declared, so in experience have they been found to be the Rendezvous of Rebellion, their Insurrections against Us and Our Authority in the Years 1666, and 1679, having been nothing else but so many running and continued Field-Conventicles) but also having together with the Fear of God shaken off the sense of their Allegiance unto Us, and the reverence and regard they owe to Our Laws and Government, have entred into an Execrable Plot and Conspiracy to murder Our Royal person, Our dear and only Brother with Our Chief Ministers of State, Our Privy-Councillors and Bishops, and all such as are employed in any Trust or Authority under Us, to subvert Our Monarchy and Government, to destroy this Protestant Church with its Officers and Ministers, to introduce a new model of civil & Ecclesiastick Government, & to alter and innovate the Fundamental Laws of this Our Antient Kingdom; Being prepared and instructed to this Hellish conspiracy by those Treasonable Pamphlets, Intituled, *Niphali. Jus Populi. The Apologetick Narration*, &c. Whereby they have been Taught to take Arms against Us, as being loosed from their Allegiance and Impowered by the mistaken Example of *Phinehas* to Kill all such as differed from, and opposed their Covenants, and thereby allowing not only open Rebellions, but (which is more terrible) even private murders and Assassinations; And upon which they have proceeded to Wound, Rob, and Assassinate Our Orthodox and Protestant Ministers meely for Preaching Protestant and Loyal Doctrine, and in Cold blood (with a cruelty exceeding that of Heathens) to murder the late Venerable Primate of this Our Kingdom, as also Our Souldiers for Levying the Supply granted by Law unto Us. Of which Hellish Plot and Conspiracy we have sufficient and demonstrative Evidence, particularly from their Prodigious and Treasonable Covenant found with Mr. *Donald Cargill*, (one of their most Seditious Preachers) on the third day of June last; Wherein they declare Us an Usurper, and the Devils Vicegerent, and that the Laws and Acts of Our Parliaments were Innovations and Inroachments upon Jesus Christ, and that they would set up New Rulers to Govern by the Judicial Law of *Moses*? From their Treasonable Declaration affixed to the market-Crois, and other places of Our Burgh of *Sancbar*, upon the 22th of



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all Our Good Subjects to Treat them as such. And We do hereby Require and Command all Our Loving Subjects, as they will be answerable to Us on their Allegiance, to do their utmost diligence to discover and search out this Phanatical Sanguinary Plot to the Bottom, and to seize and apprehend those Traytors, Conspirators and Plottors, and all their Treacherous Associates and Accomplices; particularly such of them as are named and mentioned in this and in Our foresaid Proclamation of the last of June 1680. and to Imprison them in the next convenient Prison, that they may be brought to condign and exemplary Punishment, according to the Prescript of Our Laws, and demerit of their prodigious and unparallel'd Treasons: And We further Require and Command all Our Sheriffs, Stewards, Bailiffs, of Regalities, and Magistrates of Brughs, and Ministers of the Law where the said Traitors and Conspirators use to haunt or resort, to employ their utmost power and Vigilance in their respective Jurisdictions for searching, seizing, and apprehending of them, that they may be presented to Justice: And in seizing and apprehending the foresaid Traytors and Conspirators, and their Associates and Accomplices, (they resisting or refusing to be taken) any of Our said Magistrates or others Our Good Subjects shall happen to kill or mutilate them, or any of them; We do hereby declare, That they, nor none assisting them shall ever be called in question, or pursued Civilly or Criminally therefore in time coming; but that these presents shall be as sufficient for their Exhonoratation as if they had Our special Pardon & Remission, and that their doing thereof shall be reputed good and acceptable Service done to Us. And for the better Incouragement of such as shall apprehend, and bring in the said Traytors and Conspirators dead or alive, The Apprehender of Mr. Donald Cargill shall have as a Reward the Sum of Five Thousand Merks and for Mr. Thomas Douglas the Sum of three Thousand Merks; and for each one of the rest of the said Conspirators and Plottors the Sum of One thousand Merks instantly paid to them by the Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury. And We ordain these presents to be Printed, and published at the Market cross of *Edenburgh*, and remanent Headbrughs of this Our Kingdom. And also We Ordain the several Sheriffs and Stewards, &c. To cause make Intimation hereof at the several Paroch-Kirks of the Kingdom after Divine Worship, that none pretend Ignorance.

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*Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.*

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all Our Good Subjects to Treat them as such. And We do hereby Require and Command all Our Loving Subjects, as they will be answerable to Us on their Allegiance, to do their utmost diligence to discover and search out this Phanatical Sanguinary Plot to the Bottom, and to seize and apprehend those Traytors, Conspirators and Plottors, and all their Treacherous Associates and Accomplices; particularly such of them as are named and mentioned in this and in Our foresaid Proclamation of the last of June 1680. and to Imprison them in the next convenient Prison, that they may be brought to condign and exemplary Punishment, according to the Prescript of Our Laws, and demerit of their prodigious and unparallel'd Treasons: And We further Require and Command all Our Sheriffs, Stewards, Bailiffs, of Regalities, and Magistrates of Brughs, and Ministers of the Law where the said Traitors and Conspirators use to haunt or resort, to employ their utmost power and Vigilance in their respective Jurisdictions for searching, seizing, and apprehending of them, that they may be presented to Justice: And in seizing and apprehending the foresaid Traytors and Conspirators, and their Associates and Accomplices, (they resisting or refusing to be taken) any of Our said Magistrates or others Our Good Subjects shall happen to kill or mutilate them, or any of them; We do hereby declare, That they, nor none assisting them shall ever be called in question, or pursued Civilly or Criminally therefore in time coming; but that these presents shall be as sufficient for their Exhoneration as if they had Our special Pardon & Remission, and that their doing thereof shall be reputed good and acceptable Service done to Us. And for the better Incouragement of such as shall apprehend, and bring in the said Traytors and Conspirators dead or alive, The Apprehender of Mr. Donald Cargill shall have as a Reward the Sum of Five Thousand Merks and for Mr. Thomas Douglas the Sum of three Thousand Merks; and for each one of the rest of the said Conspirators and Plottors the Sum of One thousand Merks instantly paid to them by the Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury. And We ordain these presents to be Printed, and published at the Market cross of *Edinburgh*, and remanent Headbrughs of this Our Kingdom. And also We Ordain the several Sheriffs and Stewards, &c. To cause make Intimation hereof at the several Paroch-Kirks of the Kingdom after Divine Worship, that none pretend Ignorance.

Given under Our Signet at *Edinburgh* the 22th day of November, 1680, and of Our Reign the 32th Year.

*Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.*

*Will. Paterson Cl. Sti. Concilii.*

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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